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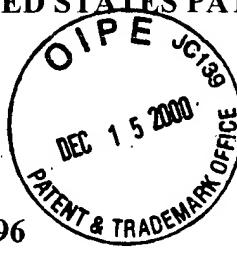
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2000 for one month from November 15, 2000 to December 15, 2000.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

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